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Salisbury University's Student Voice

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Vice President of Student Affairs recalls good times as she prepares to leave SU

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In June, Salisbury University will be saying goodbye to one of the members of its administration as she begins her new job at Old Dominion University.

Currently SU's vice president of student affairs, Dr. Ellen Neufeldt's next step is becoming

the vice president for student engagement and enrollment services at Old Dominion University.

"I love SU," Neufeldt said. "There are a lot of really special moments with the students, faculty and staff here."

Neufeldt reminisced about being at SU for the first Stop Hate Campaign and being there the first time SGA members broke the "Stop Hate"

board. She also said she remembers the groundbreaking for Sea Gull Square because at one point the staff didn't think it would be possible for it to happen due to problems in the economy. She also mentioned other memorable moments: welcoming new students to campus, going to the first BIG Event, seeing all the work the Admissions staff has done with bringing in students and at-

tending SGA installation dinners.

"What's so great here is that everybody is really working together towards the same goal, which is about being student-centered and (focused on) the students' success," she said. "The faculty is very caring and the staff gives about 410 percent so it's just been such a pleasure to be a part of something so special."

Neufeldt has worked as the vice president of student affairs since 2005. She said at that time, she was looking for the opportunity to be a vice president and she knew SU had a strong reputation. Neufeldt said she found the campus to be a beautiful and special place, adding that everyone was friendly. As the vice president of student affairs, she works with student service and life

areas like Student Activities, Multicultural Student Services, enrollment and athletics. In sum she works with about 13 to 14 different areas on campus.

She will begin her job at ODU doing many of the things she does at SU. She said she wants to work there because it fit her background and

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Musical acts chosen for Gull Fest 2011

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The secret is out – Salisbury University's most anticipated event, Gull Fest 2011, will be graced by pop and hip-hop artists Mike Posner, Travie McCoy and Far East Movement Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m.

"These three artists, I feel, are fresh," said SOAP Concert Chair Christie Stone. "Each of them only has a few hits, and I like that."

Posner is famous for chart-toppers "Cooler Than Me" and "Please Don't Go." Travie McCoy's hit single is "Billionaire," and Far East Movement is best known for songs "Like a G6" and "Rock-a-teer."

The announcement was made March 11 at noon through campus-wide e-mail, and already Stone reports an abundance of feedback. The SOAP Facebook page, she said, has received mostly supportive comments.

"Everywhere I go, people are really excited," she said.

However, some students are disappointed by the outcome of the decision, like sophomores Cara Wagaman and Kelly Darcy.

"We think that they should get an actual band," Wagaman said, adding that she feels students were not polled for their opinions as

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Fries comes home for Third Friday performance

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Salisbury native Will Fries is a singer and songwriter now based in Portland, Oregon's vibrant music scene. He is returning to Salisbury to play a solo homecoming concert downtown on March 18 during March's Third Friday festival.

"I asked a friend jokingly if there was anywhere to play in Salisbury these days, and he said Third Friday is the place to be," Fries said. "I'm really excited these events are happening. For such a small scene, there is a lot of talent."

Fries' music has strong folk vocals infused with a deep-rooted blues sound that can be best described as western country. Fries has captivated audiences throughout Portland and the Northwest with his thoughtful lyrics and almost hypnotic melodies.

He is currently playing with his new band, Paper Airport, and is working with Rob Stroup, who produced Tony Furtado's most recent album "Golden" that climbed to number 15 on the Americana Music Association charts.

Fries grew up in Salisbury and fell in love with music at a young age. He recalls trying to write songs when he was only in elementary school. He attributes much of his abilities to his parents' appreciation for music as he was growing up.

Fries will be accompanied by

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Gulls conquer Battling Bishops



Justin Odendhal photo

Junior attackman Erik Krum fires the ball past his Ohio Wesleyan defender. The No. 3-ranked Sea Gulls defeated the Battling Bishops 8-4 in the game on March 12. Salisbury outshout Ohio Wesleyan, 35-20.

Business students claim victory in ethics competition

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Six SU business students competed in an ethics competition March 3, implementing strategies to press on the political issues of the cocoa trade in the Ivory Coast.

Acting as a chocolate company in the U.S. who recently discovered that its cocoa was the product of child labor, juniors Brittany Droogh and Kayla Smith and seniors Hunter McIntyre and John Stockel made up SU's team, which won the competition.

"We found out about the topic in late November and began preparing from the end of January until the competition began," Smith said.

Smith said the teams had to talk about the pros and cons of the case and their solution to fixing the problem.

The team's strategy was to partner with Transfair USA and create a fair trade program with specific farms on the Ivory Coast, according to McIntyre.

"This meant we would purchase our chocolate at a much higher price, but the extra money would go to those farms to ensure that they weren't using child labor and to help better their community," he said.

March 3 was SU's second time competing in the Students In Free Enterprise competition.

Six other schools competed including host Mount St. Mary's, McDaniel, Penn



Submitted photo

Hunter McIntyre, John Stockel, Kayla Smith and Brittany Droogh, SU's winning SIFE team, pose with their professor, Mo Brown.

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Gas prices increase with overseas tensions

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Salisbury University students have to prioritize their spending with the average price of gasoline now above \$3.50 per gallon and spring break just around the corner.

"Gas prices are absolutely ridiculous," said freshman Victoria Bolles. "Because my car is supercharged, I have to buy high-octane gas, which costs on average about thirty cents more. As a college student, I despise these prices and would love to see them lessen up."

According to CNN.com, this recent gas jump would be the "biggest since a 38-cent hike between August and

September 2005. At the time, the

"The thing is, though, at the end of the day, you are still going to fill up your gas tank."

Gilbert Granados
Sophomore

price increase was driven by damage caused by Hurricane Katrina."

Driven by the Middle Eastern turmoil, oil prices have steadily risen, and the numbers are changing as fast as the events of the Arab world. The

dictator of Libya, Muammar al-Gaddafi, refuses to step down from office despite widespread protests against his authoritarian rule. Workers in Libya have been fleeing the country's unrest and thus slowing oil production, according to a BBC.com article.

Libya produces 2.1 percent of the world's oil, and a NYTimes.com article reported around 80 percent of Libya's oil "lies in rebel-held territory."

The Middle East can be seen as part of the problem and some SU students feel that is the reason why prices are increasing so quickly, including sophomore Suchila Hodge. Although Hodge said she felt she could pinpoint the reasoning, she does not feel the effect as much as others.

"It must be an inconvenience for those it affects, and luckily I don't feel the hurt as much as those who drive do," Hodge said.

Sophomore Gilbert Granados said he is one of the drivers affected by the spiked gas prices.

"The thing is, though, at the end of the day, you are still going to fill up your gas tank," Granados said. "No matter how expensive it is, you have no choice but to do it."

Spring break is prime time for traveling, but with prices soaring, Salisbury students may consider changing their plans. Hodge said she felt thankful because she does not believe prices will alter her plans.

"I don't think it'll affect me too

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Briefly Stated

Wednesday, March 30 Obama's campaign manager speaks

Emily Williams, Obama's 2008 online campaign manager, will speak about her online campaign and how she integrated social media as a strategy Wednesday, March 30 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Caruthers Auditorium. Hosted by PRSSA and AMA, students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend. There will be a question and answer opportunity following the lecture. Contact Rachael Stone rs60914@gulls.salisbury.edu for more information.

What is on your college "bucket list?"

Are there things you want to do before you graduate? What should other seniors be sure to do before they leave SU? Senior Brad Deise wants to know — and he's willing to do what you suggest, as long as it's within reason. Send your "bucket list" ideas to Editor in Chief Vanessa Junkin at vj21300@gulls.salisbury.edu.

Gull Fest

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A survey for the concert was sent to students via e-mail last semester concerning their preferred music genres. The results indicated hip-hop and rock were the most popular.

Wagman said that if she had been aware of the survey she "would have been all over that." Still, she and Darcy said they look forward to attending.

"Gull Fest is always fun just because you're with everyone . . . and it's cheap," Darcy said.

Some students, like freshman Shaheed Khan, can't wait for the concert.

"Far East Movement rocks. They have one of the best party songs

Neufeldt

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the job entails many of the things she has worked with before. As she learned more about the position she decided to apply and was selected.

At SU, she serves as an advisor to the Student Government Association. Joe Esposito, currently the SGA treasurer, has been working with SGA, and Neufeldt, for two and a half years.

"She's really the mold that keeps us together," he said. Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Dane Foust has worked with Neufeldt for five years, citing her as the person who hired him. He said he remembered talking to her and becoming excited about the possibility of working at SU in student affairs with her. Foust also worked with Neufeldt on the Sea Gull Square project, an on-campus building scheduled to open before the fall 2011 semester.

Business

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State-Abington, Eastern Mennonite University, and an international competitor, Shandong Institute of China. "Last year we finished third. The winning team was from Russia," McIntyre said.

This year with its first place finish, the SU team took home a prize of \$300. However, the students walked away with much more than a prize.

"It was an incredible experience to compete against other schools in the

"She (is) very much a hands-on person," Foust said. "She (is) very involved in the daily operations of student affairs."

Before coming to Salisbury, Neufeldt was the assistant vice chancellor and dean of student life at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for 10 years.

"We've been fortunate over the last five and half years to have Ellen at the leadership role," said SU Dean of Students Edwin Cowell. "She is truly student-centered; she puts students first and foremost. And much of what you see in terms of the buildings and housing renovations, all those things are a result of her efforts to service students."

Among other things, she's worked with the town/gown relationship to foster a positive connection between Salisbury residents and students.

"Everything here happens with a group of people making it happen and working as a team, and I have been honored to be a part of the team," she said.

Neufeldt said she appreciated the leadership and mentorship from President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and her great advocacy for the students and the University.

"I think certainly what we've learned is that Ellen is a very talented professional, and I see a really bright future for her," Foust said. "And while I'm excited that she has this great opportunity, I'm really saddened to see her go because I think she's developed so many great relationships with people and she's brought so much energy and enthusiasm and commitment to SU. She's going to be missed for that."

In regards to finding SU's next vice president of student affairs, Human Resources Director Marvin Pyles stated this in an e-mail: "The University will conduct a national search. A search committee will be formed, comprised of various campus constituents, to recruit, screen and interview candidates. As is tradition, finalists will be brought to campus to interview with and meet the campus community."

place winner, he said that we had won by a runaway margin."

Professor Mo Brown said he found out about the competition from the dean and opened up the competition to students in his classes.

He too was pleased with the team's performance.

"I watched all the competitions and I knew they had won and I told them that, but of course they didn't believe me," he said.

He hopes to compete again next year and encourages students of all majors to participate.

Gas

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much since I don't drive," Hodge said. "If I go anywhere it'll be New York, and I'll be taking the Greyhound there and (the) subway while I'm in the city."

Freshman Rachel Dechowitz, on the other hand, said she felt otherwise.

"It took me \$47 to fill up my minivan," Dechowitz said. "When it's spring break, I'm going to not want to drive as much because gas prices are so high up."

Bolles agreed. "These prices are emptying my pockets and frustrating me," she said. "Sooner or later I may have to chop off a limb and sell it to fill my tank."

Crime Beat

3/9/11

2 p.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property
Complainant reported malicious damage to the Fulton Hall bench located on the second floor.

3/9/11

7:45 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

Suspicious Activity (Off-Campus)
Complainant reported that she observed a suspicious vehicle (SUV) in the area of Riverside Drive. The vehicle's operator reportedly took photos of the complainant. The matter was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office.

3/10/11

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Theft
Complainant reported a theft from the University bookstore.

Fries

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Maureen Tambourine and Skyway Nine. Maureen Tambourine is a folk band with an upbeat tempo complemented with energetic female vocals, and their sound boasts an ever-changing musical lineup. Skyway Nine is another local music group with a futuristic pop sound.

The arts and entertainment revival in downtown Salisbury has seen great success from the Third Friday events for both the community and artists, with record crowds drawn to downtown last March. Connie Strott is a committee member for Third Friday who said she is ecstatic about the event's success thus far.

"(February 2011) was one of the best months we've ever had," Strott said. "I think that's due to the students coming. It was tremendous to have that student support."

For Third Friday, various art galleries, shops and vendors will stay open later, and there will be a performance from an Irish dance group in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

The event will be held in the City Center and all along West Main Street at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18.

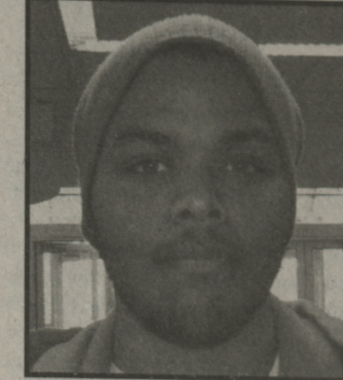
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EDITORIAL

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Overheard: Do you think it would be fair for illegal immigrants to receive the Maryland in-state tuition benefit, recently OK'd by the Senate?

Photos and article by Adrienne Price and Kelly Mundle



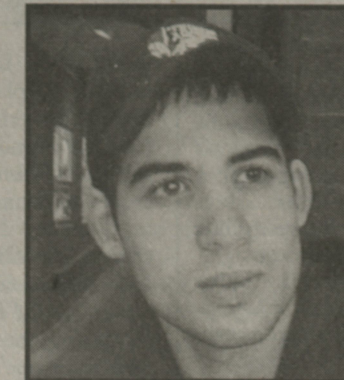
"No. It seems unfair that an out-of-state citizen doesn't receive the same treatment as an illegal immigrant."

-Cameron Wilson, sophomore



"No. They should receive in-state tuition in the country they came from, or receive out-of-state tuition here."

-Amanda Emery, freshman



"If they are willing to serve in the military it makes sense. If you are willing to die for your country, you deserve the chance to receive education."

-Andrew Mason Woods, senior



"No. It is not fair to those that are legal immigrants. You should first obtain citizenship and then seek education."

-Chelante Mitchell, senior



"It is situational, it is impossible to know a person's background. It should be taken on a case-by-case basis."

-Taylor Swillings, junior

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Keep the dream alive in Maryland

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Immigrants

who arrived in

the United States

as minors and

graduate from

Maryland high schools, attend a state

high school for at least two years or

obtain GEDs will be conditionally el-

igible for in-state tuition if Senate Bill

167 passes.

SB 167 is sponsored by Sen. Victor

R. Ramirez (D-Prince George's). It is

also known as the Maryland Dream

Act, nicknamed after the federal De-

velopment, Relief and Education for

Alien Minors bill that passed the

House of Representatives but failed

in the Senate last December.

The Maryland Dream Act would

grant in-state tuition to individuals at-

tending four-year institutions after

earning at least 60 credits in commu-

nity college and filing for permanent

residency within 30 days of enroll-

ment. Additionally, the individual or

their parent must prove Maryland in-

come tax withheld at least one year

prior to graduating a Maryland high

school. The act won't make it easier to

get accepted to college, but it will of-

set some of the costs.

The economic imperative is com-

pelting. Retaining the brightest stu-

dents by facilitating higher education

fosters a competitive edge for the

state and entire country. According to

a study by the Urban Institute, \$4 bil-

lion make up the 18 percent of all

taxes collected in Maryland that were

paid by immigrant households in

2000. Additionally, over 14,000 for-

ign students in Maryland contributed

\$390.2 million to the state's economy

in tuition, fees and living expenses

during the 2008-2009 academic year,

according to NAFSA: Association of

International Educators.

Consider the Dream Act as an in-

vestment. The more money an indi-

vidual makes, the more money he or

she pays back in taxes and spends on

goods to fuel the economy.

Opponents of the bill argue grant-

ing in-state tuition promotes and re-

wards illegal immigration. However,

students must have been brought to

the U.S. as minors by their parents.

Imagine being brought to the United

States as a child and only knowing this

country. A young child born abroad

likely had no say in moving. In-state

tuition makes it financially possible for

many native and nonnative stu-

dents to be able to afford college.

Withholding in-state tuition denies

immigrants opportunities to succeed

and impedes their ability to maximize

potential. It is unfair to punish them

for actions for which they are not re-

sponsible.

The Maryland House of Delegates'

version of the bill, House Bill 470,

must also pass the legislation before

enacted as state law. SB 167 passed

with preliminary approval by the Sen-

ate after several amendments.

Immigration must be reformed.

The U.S. economy is largely depend-

ent on immigrants, and the pathway

to citizenship takes far too long for a

population that has historically con-

tributed the economy substantially. It

is time to give hardworking Maryland

residents across the state the chance

to work toward higher education and

increase the quality of life for all.

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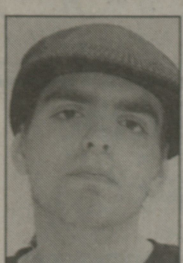
Correction/Note from the Editor in Chief

As Salisbury University's Student Voice,

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SU's students, faculty, staff and neigh-

Hacktivism: the new face of protest



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When Tunisia first denied Internet users access to Wikileaks, numerous Tunisian government websites were hit with a distributed denial-of-service attack. This attack is one in which a number of affected systems take down a single target.

When former Egyptian president Mubarak restricted access to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and forced various Internet service providers to block access to the majority of Egyptian populace, something similar happened.

When various credit services and e-commerce businesses such as PayPal, MasterCard, and Visa announced they were going to stop donations to Wikileaks from their

clients, their sites were also taken down within days.

The perpetrator in each of these instances was a group called Anonymous, a nameless, faceless collaboration of computer hackers who despise censorship. It is important to note, however, that unlike most DDoS attackers, the group does not infect unsuspecting participants in order to achieve their goals. Instead, users willingly download a program designed to create traffic and spam the intended target. This allows individuals who are not tech-savvy to contribute.

Last month, after an attack on the government endorsed security firm HBCary Federal for threatening to reveal some of Anonymous' influential members, the group found a decrypted version of a substantial portion of the Stuxnet Worm, one of the most potent viruses in existence.

While malware like trojan keylogger Zeus is devastating due to its covertness and efficacy for retrieving information suitable for

identity theft, Stuxnet was created to do serious damage to particular industrial systems. It was responsible for massive damage to the Iranian nuclear program, setting it back years.

While I won't go into too much technological detail, it is important to note that, given the availability of this new code, Anonymous could potentially harness Stuxnet, revise it and increase the potency. While cyber-activism isn't a new phenomenon by any means, the whistle-blowing sites Wikileaks and Anonymous are bringing it to the forefront of direct action. Some call it vigilante justice; others refer to it as cyber-terrorism.

In a day and age where public policy is dictated by lobbying dollars as opposed to popular opinion, voting is kept to a display of opinion, and pseudo-grassroots organizations emerge to profess a doctrine of freedom defined as corporatism, there is one way for the average human to reclaim their lost voice: learn to use a computer.

Review: Back to Basics II



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Salisbury University's Wicomico Room may be large enough to fit many people, but add dim lighting, powerful music and a passionate speaker and the result is an intimate, life-changing event. On Saturday, March 12, SU's Wesley Foundation, a campus fellowship dedicated to strengthening faith and togetherness, hosted Back to Basics II, uniting those of varying faith under one common goal.

The message was that it is possible to worship and fellowship as a body regardless of individual religious affiliation. The simple fact that the majority of people of a faith believe in an almighty deity reinforces that noble principle. All can come together and praise one God.

With the world in such turmoil and religious conflict dating back to ancient times, it is more than honorable for a small campus organization to take on such a significant concept. Back to Basics II was very moving.

The event opened with an ardent welcoming and a precise purpose that set the tone for succeeding performances and speakers. SU's very own Gospel Choir graced the audience with a melodious vocal performance. SU's Liturgical Dance Ensemble swayed in motions able to make the audi-

ence feel the words of the background music.

Towson University lent their choir, Infinite Praise, to lift every spirit in earshot as they sang well-known gospel songs. The performances strengthened the message of the event, and two speakers captivated the audience.

Elder Aaron Deal and Pastor Marc Hannah reminded listeners of personal values that should be inwardly transformed into devotions. To say their speeches were heartrending is an understatement.

The Wesley Foundation will be hosting a talent show at Asbury United Methodist Church located across from Guerrier University Center on April 9 at 6 p.m. All appropriate talents are welcome.

Different shades of green

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Green. Beer. Irish. These are the words most associated with March 17, a.k.a. St. Patrick's Day. But are the Catholic holiday's origins truly rooted in these things? Celebrations certainly include them now, but a lot has changed over the past millennium.

Delving into the origins of St. Patrick's Day, a lot is brought to light that is unexpected. Originally, the day was meant to celebrate Saint Patrick, who was born in Britain and traveled to Ireland to convert

pagan tribes to Christianity. He was widely successful at it. Saint Patrick is known for his famous use of the three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the Holy Trinity to his converts. Legend has it that he also drove all of the snakes out of Ireland. And his color was blue. Yes, blue.

So how did we get from the color blue and celebrating a successful missionary to dyeing the Chicago River green and drinking until we're unconscious or arrested?

The de-secularization of the holiday does not make the Church happy, and over the years there have been murmurs that St. Patrick's Day

needs to be reclaimed as a holy celebration.

As it stands now, St. Patrick's Day celebrates Irish nationality more than anything else. Over the course of the holiday's evolution, much of its original meaning has been lost.

For instance, green is now the color associated with the holiday rather than blue, most likely due to Ireland being known as "The Emerald Isle." Regardless of what St. Patrick's Day was in the past, the occasion is here to stay. So this St. Patrick's Day, wear some green (and perhaps some blue), have a good time and stay safe.

Catching sleep as a college student



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Every time I enter a classroom at Salisbury University, I notice at least one student yawning. Too many people at this University are constantly tired.

As a concept, sleeping seems so easy. All you have to do is lie down and close your eyes. However, there are many factors that prevent sleep from being restful or happening at all in the college

world. The first problem college students have in regards to sleep is that they don't relax before bed. Students work late into the night and when it is finally time to sleep, their minds are wide awake.

It is important to remember that the brain needs time to unwind before being able to achieve a restful sleep, and that the time to unwind should be accounted for in his or her schedule.

Another issue is that there are constantly distractions when students are trying to sleep. Many people sleep with their phones right next to them, and

the television on or the computer close by.

These distractions, combined with ever-present roommates, people in the hallways and lights shining through the windows, create the perfect storm of insomnia. Students need to put the phones away, and shut down the TV and the Internet so their minds can break from constant stimulation.

Students should also relax in general. Trying to sleep with too many stressors on their minds will not grant proper rest. Sleeping is a time to escape the pressures of daily life.

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Letter to the Editor

Re: "Clothing messages not a mystery: Stop grabbing the wrong attention"

In two recent Ms. Advice columns, two male students, "Rob" and "Henry," expressed their thoughts on college women and presumed to speak for every man on campus. Most men on SU's campus are not like "Rob" and it's important that they make themselves heard in these types of discussions.

The column titled "Clothing messages not a mystery: Stop grabbing the wrong attention" inadvertently reinforces the myth that a woman's clothing choices are related to her chances of being sexually assaulted.

In the column, Rob voiced that "when he sees a woman wearing leggings as pants, he thinks she's sending a message that she's looking for sex" and it goes on to say, "when we (women) dress in a way that causes guys to gawk, the last thing we can expect is that he's going to treat us with respect."

Statements such as these insidiously support and reinforce myths about sexual assault. A woman should be treated with respect regardless of what she wears, whether it is sweatpants or tight clothing and heels. Clothing and consenting to sexual activity are not connected. These assumptions are degrading to women and for a survivor of sexual violence, it is extremely victim-blaming. It makes women feel as if they could have prevented their assault by wearing different clothing, when the blame for these types of acts is squarely on the shoulders of the perpetrator.

On the surface, judgments about what women should and should not wear may seem innocuous, but they are not.

Our society has created rigid gender roles, norms and stereotypes making us ignorant to the reality of sexual violence and inequality that still exists between men and women. The assumptions made about a woman's character, availability and interest in sexual activity based on what she's wearing illustrates this.

We do not assume that men are interested in sex based solely on their clothing choices.

The only way to know if someone is interested in sex is to ask and then respect their answer.

Although "Henry" was correct in saying that "he thinks society expects guys to be this way," this does not mean that we have to adhere to these expectations. We can all make a change just by becoming aware of these norms and rejecting them.

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Dancers learn brand new moves, thanks to Cruz

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Music began blaring out of the speakers and people started dancing in a big studio room at University Fitness Club on March 12 as the SU Poms Dance Team hosted a dance class led by choreographer Zoey Cruz.

Cruz holds ties to Las Vegas and Los Angeles, but he was born in the Philippines. He got his start in a dance studio in Los Angeles, he says.

"Just taking classes, forming a little crew, you know freestyle, a lot of that, and that went into choreography and training some more and then it led into joining an actual professional company," he said.

Cruz said he has worked virtually all over the country, from California to Florida and up the east coast through Maryland and Virginia. Outside of the United States, he has also recently done a workshop in the Philippines.

"I want to teach in as many cities as possible, nationally and internationally as well," he says. He said his favorite part about teaching classes is the feedback and hearing from people.

He has worked with people from "America's Best Dance Crew" and contestants from "So You Think You Can Dance." Cruz works with people from a lot of the reality shows such as these, and other mainstream choreographers who work with people like Janet Jackson and Britney Spears.

"Somewhere along the line when we're lucky we get invited to the same convention," he said.

Halsey Hayes, a sophomore at SU and now in her fourth semester on the SU Poms Dance Team, organized the class led by Cruz. She and fellow Poms member Tiffany Knight attended a summer workshop held by Cruz in Frederick, Md. and asked him if he would hold a class at Salisbury.

Cruz says most of his work comes from independent contracting, but he does do some weekly classes at various studios as well as out of town workshops similar to the one held here.

"It's based on word of mouth, invites, e-mail, YouTube, you know, just the name and for it to be out there," he says.

Senior Sean Kelly attended the class, and after two hours of sweat and full-

speed dancing, said he had a good experience.

"I absolutely enjoyed it. The point of this was to have a good time and I absolutely did. I would absolutely take another class," he says.

Members of the SU Poms Dance Team enjoyed themselves as well. Knight said she thought that the overall experience was fun and would like to take another class and Hayes said she really enjoyed learning the choreography.

Cruz, after teaching a large group of people a routine to Ke\$ha's "Take it Off," yelled to everyone to add him on Facebook at the end of his class.

"It's like an artist, you know, you're nothing unless someone buys your CDs and same thing for us, if nobody likes you or your choreography then you kind of stop hearing," Cruz says. "It's important to me that they like it, and they spread it and that they want me back."

Cruz is currently trying to get a management company called Cruz Productions off the ground that involves all things dance.

"I want to do what I'm doing for other people so they can do the exact same thing that I'm doing," Cruz says.



Choreographer Zoey Cruz teaches a group dance moves from Ke\$ha's hit song "Take it Off" at the University Fitness Club March 12.

After two abortions, local woman aims to spread truth

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Leslie Dean, a Parsonsburg resident, has something she wants to share with people: she has had two abortions in her life. According to Dean, when a woman keeps this story inside, she is filled with shame and guilt.

"Many women have repressed; they don't understand the bad dreams, or why they can't go to a baby shower; they don't understand why they can't share the joy of a friend having a baby. They just think there's something wrong with them."

Dean, a registered nurse with a gentle countenance, has spoken in front of the Maryland State Senate on four separate occasions. Twice she has

advocated for ultrasounds to be offered to women who go to abortion clinics. She has also spoken for informed consent and parental consent regarding girls under the age of 18 seeking abortions.

All four bills were not approved in committee because not enough votes were cast in favor of the ideas she advocated for.

For almost five years, she has worked with Silent No More Awareness, a campaign that seeks to shed light on the truth of abortion. The organization works with women who are post-abortion and couples who have come to regret their decision. Dean encourages women who have had an abortion to share their testimonies. She says SNMA's whole theory is that people can argue with religion, politics, theology and science, but

they can't argue with someone's testimony.

"That's your story; that's personal," she said. "It's a fantasy to think you can be promiscuous and not get pregnant," Dean says to those who are sleeping around.

She says she wants women to know there will be emotional damages if, out of those promiscuous choices, a woman has an abortion. She emphasizes that one third of all pregnancies end in a miscarriage. She says abortion clinics will not provide an ultrasound because an ultrasound can tell doctors if the pregnancy is viable.

Dean says two reasons abortion clinics won't give mothers a sonogram is because they want the money for the abortion.

"Ninety-five percent don't abort when they see their baby's heartbeat," Dean says of those who

receive a sonogram.

The biggest misunderstanding people have regarding abortion is that it is safe and rare, she said. Dean said just as many women are dying today from abortions as they were when it was illegal. Having abortions is still harming women physically and emotionally, says Dean, the mother of four.

"Does that sound safe and rare?" Dean asked. She says that women's rights are being violated now because abortion is allowed.

"There's not a single woman that goes into an abortion clinic 'la-de-da-de-da,'" she said. "They're going in begging, hoping inside, if one person would come up and say 'don't do this,' they wouldn't do it."

From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



John Tully and Chelsea Hall perform during Open Mic Night on March 7. This event, held in the Wicomico Room, was the first event for the 2011 Stop Hatin' Campaign, put on by SGA.



SGA Vice President of Diversity Breanna Nunez leads students in a "Stop the Hate" walk March 11 to spread the Stop Hatin' message to the community.



Sinaz Labaf-Zadeh, of American-Iranian descent, shares her photos in the Fulton Gallery to show unity among humanity. The reception was March 8; she will give an artist talk Tuesday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in the gallery.



Jumana Bootwala draws a henna design on Debra Reynolds' hand during the "India and the Sub-Continent" Henna/Mehndi Party Friday, March 11 in the Fireside Lounge.

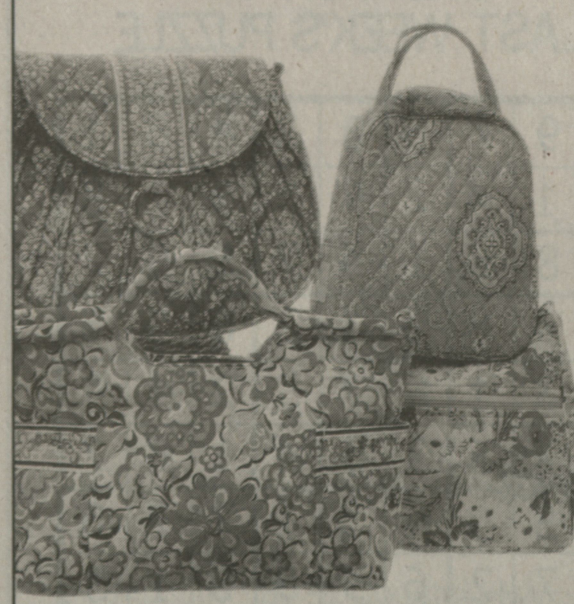


SU Women's History Month keynote speaker Kym Rice shares information during her March 9 talk.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon crowns Greek Goddess

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Sporting a crown of vines and clutching a bouquet, sophomore and Delta Gamma sister Samantha Funari gushed with friends after winning Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Greek Goddess pageant Wednesday, March 9 in Caruthers Auditorium.

"I was very surprised," she said. "Half my sisters were in this — it was a very good competition."

Funari "gave props" to her "stage mom," DG sister and roommate, Nicole O'Connor, who responded, "Sam is my inspiration for life."

In addition to the pageant, SAE hosted a small silent date auction, flaunting five SAE bachelors. The highest bid by the end of the night was ten dollars and five cents for Fletcher Gelber.

The sum from the auction, along with proceeds from ticket sales, will be donated to SAE's philanthropies: National Cancer Research and the Brooke Mulford Foundation, according to SAE fundraiser and SU senior Kurtis Michela.

Numerous contestants strutted their stuff on stage during three

main costume competitions: evening wear, SAE spirit wear, and toga. The girls were asked questions such as, "What makes a true gentleman?" and "If you could be the goddess of anything what would you be?" Contestants, partnered with an SAE brother, also made the audience laugh by performing their best rejection lines.

Junior and DG pledge contestant Helene Ausilio said in the beginning she felt nervous to be on stage.

"But everybody's here to have fun and that was accomplished," she said.

The panel of judges featured SAE alumnus Rich Croce; Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership Administrative Assistant Molly Griffin; and SAE Chapter Advisor Duke Marshall.

"I judge for classiness, thoughtfulness, originality of outfits, and actual answers to questions," Marshall said. "All the girls did a great job."

Funari and the two runners-up split prizes, which included two free manicure/pedicures from the spa All About Faces; four free pizzas from De Pietro's New York Pizzeria; and four free lunches to No. 1



Sigma Alpha Epsilon Greek Goddess participants gather together for a photo March 9 in Caruthers Auditorium. Members of the Greek community came together for this event, which benefited SAE's philanthropies.

China Buffet, among other things.

Inspiration for the pageant was garnered from SU sorority Zeta Tau Alpha's contest for males called Mr. Zeta, according to Michela.

"We just did a female version," he said.

The event succeeded in uniting brothers, sisters and pledges from

almost every sorority and fraternity

on campus. Junior and SAE Marketing Chair, Jonathan Abarca, said the pageant demonstrated the strong ties between the Greek organizations.

Sophomore and Phi Mu pledge Melissa Eberhart made a similar point.

"Greek Life is really cool the way they come together," she said.

The contest held no animosity for freshman and SAE pledge Chris Dehoff either.

"I enjoy watching beautiful women walk across the stage," he said.

To the beat of Chris Cassius

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Chris MacDonald photo
Chris Cassius

CC: "I want to produce music full-time. I want to get to the level that I can support myself with music."

TF: What is currently in the works for you and your music?
CC: "I just produced a song with Dexter Fizz and I am finishing something with Chris Baker right now. I just want to make good music that people will want to hear."

TF: What is your musical inspiration?
CC: "My inspiration for what I am doing would be Stoup The Enemy of Mankind, Necro, and RZA."

TF: Do you strictly produce and make beats?
CC: "I used to rap but it wasn't for me. I really enjoy what I am doing now."

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Study abroad experience draws SU alum back to Ecuador

Kelsey Martenson now teaching English in Cuenca

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A student receives her plane ticket and excitedly awaits life in a new country much different from her own.

This is just one of the instances students who choose to study abroad experience.

Salisbury University students are offered the opportunity to study abroad in countries such as Ecuador, Spain, Estonia and more.

Kelsey Martenson, an SU alum, seized an opportunity to flourish in Cuenca, Ecuador before graduating from SU in May 2010 with a major in psychology and minors in business and Spanish.

Martenson studied abroad in Ecuador in January 2009.

"Kelsey was a great student to travel with," said Carolina Bown, director of the SU immersion in the 2009 Ecuador program.

"Kelsey worked hard in both her class and in the service project where we painted an outside wall and the cafeteria of a primary school in Cuenca," Bown said.

"She was very sweet while interacting with the children of that school. I know also that she got along really well with her peers and her host family."

Martenson said before she even left the country, she knew she

wanted to return. Martenson received a plane ticket from her parents as a graduation gift, and from August to October 2010, she took private Spanish classes in Ecuador and volunteered at Fundepro, a government-funded daycare for children from underprivileged families.

Now, Martenson teaches English to children in Ecuador at the Canadian House Center where she works.

Martenson teaches English classes for 4-to-6-year-olds, 8-to-12-year-olds and 14-to-17-year-olds. She will soon take on a few adult classes with 18-year olds and up.

Though she isn't completely fluent in Spanish yet, Martenson enjoys the challenge.

"I absolutely love a challenge so I thought, 'Why not?'" she said. "It has been quite a challenge since I've been teaching but I get more and more comfortable with it every day. The kids are a lot of fun and the majority of them are here because they really want to learn English."

At the Canadian House Center where Martenson works, teachers are allowed to live at the school.

"I used to live with my host family, but living at the school was much cheaper," Martenson said.

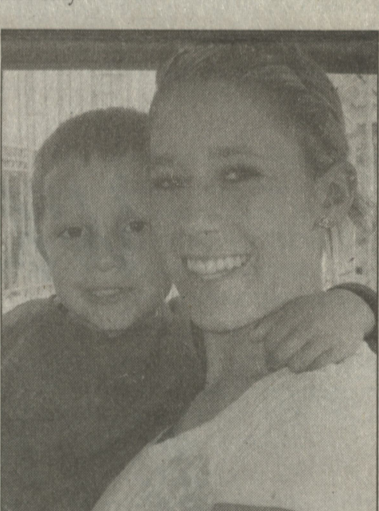
Although she has had problems adjusting to cooking on her own, Martenson admits to enjoying her

new home.

"I have yet to feel uncomfortable here or feel like I don't belong or need to adjust," she said. "I definitely had an advantage coming here though because I already had a good amount of friends in Cuenca."

Overall, Martenson said she enjoys life in Ecuador.

"Life here in Ecuador is incredible," she said. "I am more happy here and I almost feel more comfortable here than I do at home in the States. I make a new friend every day, and I've never met someone who is judgmental or unfriendly."



Submitted photo
Kelsey Martenson poses with her Ecuadorian host brother.

Library experience serves as teaching tool for Schirmer

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In her crisp lime green sweater, Ariane Schirmer sits at a wooden table, cutting and pasting pictures onto her bulletin board for the children's section of the library. The senior and English literature major is currently interning at the Wicomico Public Library in downtown Salisbury.

Though her job is classified as an independent study, Schirmer is completing the full 120 hours needed for an internship through the education department. Her job consists of helping local patrons with research, working with adolescents and plan-



Kristina Jackereas photo
Ariane Schirmer

ning a slam poetry program for teens.

"The Wicomico Public Library is a place full of magic, energy and learning," said Diana Wagner of the Education Specialties department, who is overseeing Schirmer's work.

"Ariane's creativity and curiosity helps the staff to continue their great work under very difficult funding conditions. As a faculty member, my job is to encourage her, to listen, and to stand by ready to help. I can't think of a better reason to get up in the morning."

Helping customers find what they need is just one of the many tasks Schirmer does at the library.

"I mainly deal with children and adolescents by suggesting specific books for them to read," she said.

"People also come in with different questions. For example, we had a man come in asking if there was a racetrack in downtown Salisbury. It's interesting looking through old records and researching to help others."

Schirmer has sat in on story time for younger children, and she is interested in working with children more than anything else.

"I'm still not sure if I want to be a teacher, so a children's librarian seemed more ideal. I love kids," she said. "I love helping kids with their homework, one-on-one time is a necessity and I've become close with some of them. Knowing that I've taught them something is such a great feeling."

Christine Bramble, who is also com-

pleting an English internship at the library, said she enjoys working with Ariane.

"Ariane is great. I love working with her," she said. "We really enjoy the hands-on work and helping with teen programs. There are so many great people here, and it's been an amazing experience."

Aside from her librarian duties, Schirmer is working on getting an adolescent slam poetry program going at the library. Wicomico currently has a program where Writers Bloc, a local slam poetry group, comes to the library and talks about slam poetry, but the program is mostly adult-based.

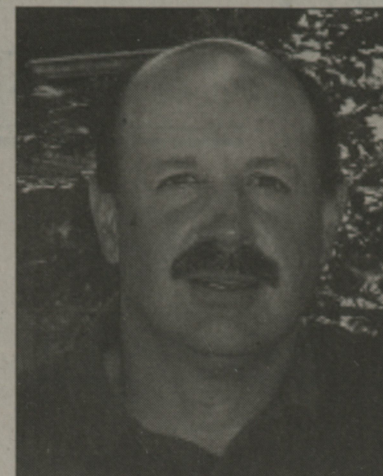
"I want a slam poetry program for teens," Schirmer said. "I've contacted poets from D.C. and Baltimore who can relate more to kids, and we're even working on getting a grant so that (poet) Gale Danley can visit the library in June. We need the community to be aware of slam poetry and open the library up to fresh and updated programs."

This summer, Schirmer plans to continue with her work at the library by helping with the intercultural reading program to open children up to different cultures.

"Ariane is introducing us to new and (innovative) programs," said Kelly White, the librarian responsible for teen services. "She's bringing the library up to speed, and we really enjoy having her here."

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Brent Skeeter

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Dr. Brent Skeeter

Dr. Brent Skeeter is a well-known face in the geography department among students and faculty alike. He is a professor, advisor and chair of the Department of Geography and Geosciences.

This is his 23rd year at Salisbury University where he not only teaches, but was once a student himself.

As an undergraduate from 1978 to 1982, Skeeter said he said he "came back home," when he accepted a teaching position at Salisbury.

His love of geography began years ago when he was around 8 or 9 years old. He said he would always watch the weather, so when he was a freshman in college he took one of the weather classes and really liked it. After a professor asked him if he wanted to become a geography major, he did, because weather is one of the subfields of geography.

From there he went on to graduate school at the University of Georgia where he received his master's, and then the University of Nebraska for his Ph.D. As a graduate student, he took part in an assistantship where he taught labs and in doing so discovered he enjoyed teaching.

"It is something that goes back to a childhood interest in the weather and now I get to teach people about the stuff I've been interested in pretty much my whole life," he said.

In 1988 a position opened at Salisbury for a geography professor and someone contacted him asking him to apply for the position.

Skeeter now teaches three courses: Weather and Climate, Research and Writing and Meteorology.

"He was very organized and he answered e-mails promptly. The videos and multimedia enhancements he had us use were very useful and they related to the topic really well. And they were actually extremely interesting," said Haley Simmons, a student who took a geography class with him during the summer.

As the chair of the Department of Geography and Geosciences, he has many responsibilities. Besides teaching his classes, he also meets with students to resolve issues and help them with any problems they have. Skeeter also tries to fix problems among the faculty and makes the schedules for each semester; the latter involves him to prepare a semester ahead. His main goal as chair is "to make the department run as smoothly as it can."

He was made chair of the department in 2005, making this his sixth year in the position.

Skeeter said the best part of his job is seeing the students succeed.

"The best part is seeing the success that so many of our students have had and professionally just knowing that I had something to do with that. It's really satisfying to know that I had such a major influence on so many people being successful," he said.

Professor Daniel Harris, a colleague of Skeeter's, has known him for fourteen years since he's been teaching here. The two men worked together on climate research but also take part in what he called an "old man's" basketball game once a week at the gym.

When describing his colleague, Harris said, "He's the most even keel person I've never seen him lose his temper. He's perfect as a chair person in our department because he keeps a very even temperament. He's fastidious. I don't think anything's ever slipped by his eye."

Ladybug Boutique brings luck to young women during prom season

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The second annual Ladybug Boutique will benefit two causes: young girls that do not have the means to afford a new prom dress and the Children's Miracle Network, Phi Mu's national philanthropy.

"All proceeds will be donated to the charity," said Phi Mu president Meredith Coulbly.

The Ladybug Boutique provides females from surrounding high schools new dresses without the expensive retail price tag.

Coulbly explained that the sorority founded the boutique a year ago because one of Phi Mu's members had a sister attending Wicomico High School who suggested they host an inexpensive prom dress sale. The high school student said much of the female population at Wi Hi were about to miss out on the big night simply because they could not afford a dress.

While only in its second year, the event has already tripled in size.

"We just started doing this event last year but in that short amount of time it has grown tenfold. We are inviting students from counties all over the Eastern Shore of Maryland to come out and find the prom dress of their dreams," Phi Mu vice president Nikki Kuhar said.

This year the Boutique has extended its services past Wicomico residents to also include fe-

males from Worcester and Somerset counties.

"I'm excited to be able to participate in something that offers girls an opportunity to feel pretty and special," said Phi Mu sister Lindsey Bledsoe.

"I'm personally donating a dress that I wore to Phi Mu's formal last spring and got a lot of compliments on. I hope that another girl is able to wear it and feel as great in it as I did."

Maier Lyons, former president of Phi Mu, said the event is very important to the sorority.

"Phi Mu is very passionate about the event because all members want to give every girl a chance to experience prom in a gorgeous dress," she said.

Coulbly expects a large outcome to this year's Boutique in the hope of raising a lot of money by selling a lot of dresses and making lots of girls happy.

Those not in the sorority can get involved by donating dresses and publicizing the event, Coulbly said. Donation boxes will be out in the Student Activities office and the Scarborough Student Leadership Center until Monday, March 28. Two days later, the Ladybug Boutique will take place Wednesday, March 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Scarborough Student Leadership Center.

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Upcoming Events

Chester River Runoff plays at Ward Museum benefit event "Hoot"

The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art hosts "Hoot," a fundraising event, Friday, March 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the museum. Chester River Runoff, a local blues/jazz band, will play at the event. Tickets are \$35 before March 20; \$30 for Ward Museum members and SU faculty and students. Tickets at the door will be \$40. Market Street Inn will provide light fare and Evolution Craft Brewing Company will offer its beer. To purchase tickets, call 410-742-4988, ext. 120. For more information about Chester River Runoff e-mail chesterrierverunoff@gmail.com. Chester River Runoff's new album, "Blue Heron Farm" is available at cdbaby.com.

Restaurant fundraiser will help Kids of Honor®

Kids of Honor®, an award-winning nonprofit, recently kicked off a series of restaurant fundraisers to help support its mission of empowering local youth to graduate from high school and pursue their dreams. To support Kids of Honor® people can go to www.kidsofhonor.org, print out the appropriate flyer and present it to the server anytime the restaurant is open on the following dates. Kids of Honor® events will be held at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, 2703 North Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, on these Tuesdays: March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26. Events will be held at Uno's Chicago Grill, 100 East Cedar Lane, Fruitland, on these Thursdays: April 7 and April 14. For more information, contact www.kidsofhonor.org or call 410-422-KIDS (5437).

QUOTATION INSPIRATION

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"If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything." — Malcolm X

All of us, especially college students, will come in contact with many individuals each day. When we meet others, we hope to find people that are friendly and civilized toward us. This is how we form new bonds and ultimately, friendships.

Unfortunately, with this concept comes the necessity to realize not everyone who is friendly is suitable to form a relationship with. A bland, easily-influenced person may often be mistaken for a friendly person. This truth stems from something every single person possesses, a personality. When we think of the word "strength," it is often related to physicality. However, the most important type of strength for someone to have is within his or her personality.

A person's personality forms in response to things said, heard, done, and interactions with others. This is natural as well as acceptable, though only to a certain degree. Some believe that a person is molded by his or her environment. For the most part, this idea needs to be rebelled against. A person needs to mold him or herself with values and ideas that he or she has contemplated and ultimately decided to integrate into who he or she is as a whole. This may seem quite

hard to do, due to distractions and pressures, but it is crucial to remember yourself first and foremost.

Look around at the people you see on a daily basis. Many resemble others in a lot of different ways. You may even notice that you bare many similarities to a lot of others. You could be an individual who is eerily similar to others and not even take notice of this.

In reality, there should be only one thing similar between all people, and that is the desire for success and happiness. To reach these two things it is important to realize how the people who have already reached their desires have done so.

Overall, it should be apparent that these people reached their goals through their ownership of unique and unusual qualities in mindset and personality. With over six billion people in the world, it is important to get noticed and set yourself apart from the herd. Flaunt your personality. The only way to do this is by using your own brain to truly decide what you would like to represent.

A statement I hear about myself very often is, "You are too closed-minded toward everything."

If you are told the same statement, then to these people you must take a stand and say, "You are too open-minded toward anything."

It is not always good to be open-minded about anything, because you have to make sure your views are your own.

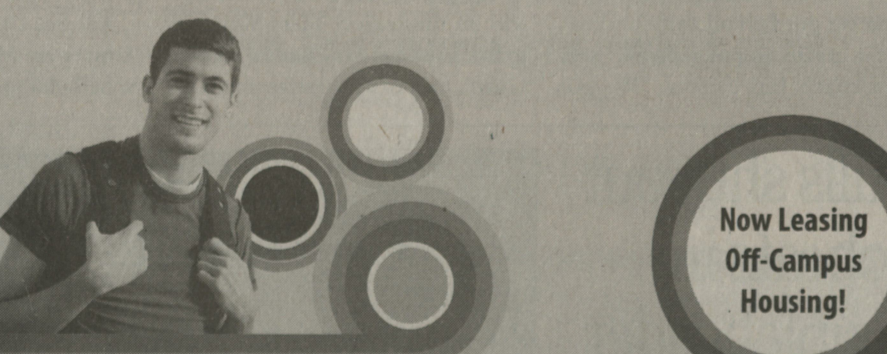
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A member of the women's lacrosse team attempts to get past her Mary Washington rival. On March 9, the Sea Gulls defeated the Eagles, 18-7.

Women's lacrosse remains undefeated with win over Mary Washington

No. 1-ranked Gulls win 60th straight CAC matchup

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The No. 1-ranked Salisbury University women's lacrosse team improved its record to 6-0 with an 18-7 victory over No. 18-ranked Mary Washington on March 9. This win marks the 60th straight Capital Athletic Conference victory for the Sea Gulls.

The Eagles struck first as they jumped off to an early 1-0 lead, but Salisbury responded by scoring seven unanswered goals, with the first five coming within three minutes of each other and on consecutive shots. Mary Washington was able to cut the lead down to 10-6 in the second half; however, the Gulls pulled away again, scoring seven unanswered goals to put the game out of reach.

"I wasn't particularly worried when we got behind early because we can create a lot of offense," said head coach Jim Nestor. "We got

into a strong groove in the first half and played unselfishly, which really helped."

Leading this strong offensive showing for Salisbury were senior attackers Trish DiGirolamo, Logan Bilderback, junior midfielder Alyssa Fowler and sophomore midfielder Roxanne Raab, who all had three goals each. Salisbury dominated most of the game and outshot Mary Washington 43-20 to take the advantage in ground balls and draw controls.

"We came out really hard today and came together as the game went on," Bilderback said.

While the offensive showing for the Sea Gulls was impressive, the defense stepped up late. They allowed only eight shots in the second half.

Senior goalkeeper Julie Ann Caulfield had a few big saves early in the game, as she earned her fifth win on the season. Mary Washington's goalkeeper, junior Danni Guigli, had an impressive perform-

ance with 11 saves, as did the Eagles' junior midfielder Catherine Kennedy with four goals and 11 shots on the day. Salisbury's win over a team like the Eagles means a lot for the rest of the season.

"We've had a target on our back this season since we're the defending national champions and lost a few players," sophomore midfielder Katie Bollhorst said. "A lot of teams usually bring their best game against us, so we do a lot to prepare for them."

This was the second game recently in which the Sea Gulls had a decisive victory against a Top 25 team. On March 2, the Gulls won a close game against Adrian College.

"The Adrian game was a big wake-up call for us," Nestor said. "It showed that we have to start playing better defense and learn how to shut teams down."

The Sea Gulls will take on Rowan University March 16. The game is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Gulls shut out Bobcats in doubleheader

Salisbury Softball raises record to 12-4

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The No. 18-ranked Salisbury University softball team (12-4, 2-0 CAC) dominated Frostburg State University in both games of its doubleheader March 13. Coming off three huge wins in the Salisbury University Invitational, the Sea Gulls kept the winning spirit going with a couple of shutouts.

Game one looked to be a close one as the first inning ended with neither team scoring. However, Salisbury promptly retired the Bobcats and scored three runs in the bottom of the second off the bats of junior shortstop Casey Zaino and senior third baseman Kristin Lord. After failing to get on the board in the third, the Bobcats allowed Salisbury to score two more runs, with RBI from junior pitcher Erika Brittingham and sophomore outfielder Lindsay McCabe.

"I liked how we worked together as a team," said sophomore outfielder Hannah Mills. "It's not a one-man team; everyone here can do everything."

Salisbury was able to score one more run in the fifth as senior outfielder Taylor Webb, who pinch-ran for Brown earlier in the inning, scored on a passed ball. The Sea



Junior pitcher Erika Brittingham pitches the ball to her Frostburg opponent. Salisbury won the doubleheader with scores of 6-0 and 4-0.

Gulls continued to shut out Frostburg until the game ended 6-0. Brittingham pitched a strong game, shutting down the Bobcats' batting order with 13 strikeouts. She allowed only four hits, with five of the nine starters finishing with no hits.

The second game was very much a continuation of the first, as the Sea Gulls struck quickly with a run in the first followed by another in the second. RBI in the second game came from sophomore catcher Michelle Gravdahl, who was instrumental all day behind the plate, and first baseman Harley Hill on a single up the middle.

"We really played as a team," Zaino said. "Our pitchers stepped up too and that was huge."

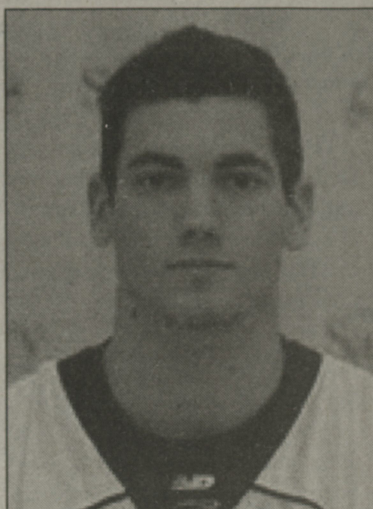
Zaino was referring to ace hurlers Brittingham and the second game's shutout earner, senior pitcher Kelly Leary. Leary racked up seven strikeouts on the day and held the Bobcats to no runs and only four hits.

"The defense played well, our pitchers kept their composure, even when the bases were loaded at one point," said head coach Margie Knight. "They kept the pitches down, which forced a lot of ground balls allowing us to get quick outs."

The team will travel to Stevenson University March 16 for a doubleheader. The Gulls' next home game will be against Kings (Pa.) College March 18. The first pitch is scheduled for noon.

Athlete Spotlight

Collin Tokosch



Collin Tokosch. Photo courtesy Salisbury University Sports Information

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Do you have any pre-game rituals?

"Either lunch or an everything bagel toasted with cream cheese from the Bagel Bakery and playing 'Get Right Back Where We Started From' by Maxine Nightingale in the locker room with the guys right before we walk out."

Where do you see yourself after college? "Hopefully using my education and network to the best of its ability. I'd be happy working with either the (Baltimore) Ravens or my dad."

Are there any special drills or games that go on during practice? "Blind Breaks are by far the best part of practice and when we have a defense rip sesh on the net."

Who are some of your role models, whether they are family members, celebrities, etc? "All of the alumni that have played here before me, Ray Lewis and my dad."

What is your favorite memory playing lacrosse? "Without a doubt, winning the national championship my freshman year."

Have you ever thought about coaching someday? "I've enjoyed coaching at camps in the past, so yeah, definitely if I had the time and opportunity."

Have you ever thought about playing professionally? "Possibly. I'm lucky we have a lot of SU alumni in the pros to make it a possibility. I need to take my game to the next level to be able to go pro; those guys are really good."

How long have you been playing lacrosse? "Since fifth grade."

What made you decide to play lacrosse at Salisbury University? "I loved the atmosphere, the teammates, the coaches, and (I) wanted to win national championships."

How did it feel to be honored as CAC Men's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Week? "It was a nice honor, but it means nothing to me unless we win the national championship."

Gulls prepare to take on Delmarva Shorebirds

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For the second time in Sea Gull athletics' history, the Salisbury University baseball team will travel to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium to face-off against the Delmarva Shorebirds, the Class "A" affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. For every ticket sold, \$1 will go to the SU baseball team's Relay for Life team.

"We are preparing for the game the same as we do before every game," senior pitcher Dustin Herbert said. "We are all very excited to be able to play against them in front of so many people."

The Gulls are ranked No. 25 in the D3baseball.com/National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 25 Poll. Salisbury's team, consisting of nine seniors, nine juniors, five sophomores and 10 freshmen, is no stranger to breaking out the wooden bats. The Sea Gulls fell to the Delmarva Shorebirds last year 9-6.

Last year, outfielder Brad Baylis was the first to cross home plate for Salisbury while Mike Celenza, who is now an SU alumnus, had a single bringing in Baylis and catcher/outfielder Andy Miller. Baylis, Celenza and infielder Brian Green each brought in runs during the three-run fifth inning.

"I would love to beat them," Herbert said. "Last year we lost 9-6. I believe, but we probably should have won that game. With a few less errors in the field we would have won."

The Delmarva Shorebirds are looking forward to hosting this game once again and anticipate an abundance of support.

"It's something I've been wanting to do here at the stadium. I've wanted to play an exhibition game

for the last four or five seasons. Last year's game obviously was awesome. I think the community's vibe was great," said Delmarva Shorebirds general manager Chris Bitters. "Not only among the folks, students and faculty over at SU, but also the alumni and people in the area that really support both the SU athletics as well as the Shorebirds. They really seem to enjoy coming out to that type of event."

The Shorebirds staff has been hard at work promoting the exhibition game.

"We went off of last year's momentum, at least with the fans, from the perspective of adding it to all of our season ticket and mini-plan packages. It's kind of being made a special event this year in regards to also having the word out on campus again," said senior ticket account executive Brandon Berns. "I know from being on campus a couple of times already this spring, the word's out that the baseball team is excited about playing us again."

Arthur W. Perdue Stadium is also the host of the 2011 Strike Out Hunger All-Star Game, which will be held June 21. The Sea Gulls are partnering with the Shorebirds for "Strike Out Hunger" and asking everyone to bring a canned food item to the stadium that night.

Salisbury will play the Shorebirds on April 5 with the first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m. "Last year we had almost 4,000 people in the stands, and it is always exciting playing in front of a large crowd like that," Herbert said. "We get the chance to feel like professionals for a day."

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Physical game is a wake up call for men's lax

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A physical game against Ohio Wesleyan University awaited the No. 3-ranked Salisbury University men's lacrosse team on March 12, but the Gulls (6-0) prevailed in Sea Gull Stadium 8-4 in the end.

Both the Gulls and the Battling Bishops started slowly, with the scoreboard remaining blank until halfway through the first quarter. The Bishops took advantage of Tony Mendes' tripping penalty, going up by one. Junior midfielder Sam Bradman responded two minutes later with an unassisted goal of his own.

With only one more goal to be scored by each side in the half, head coach Jim Berkman took his players into the locker room to restore order.

"We were too impatient in the first half," Berkman said. "We played into their strengths in the first."

Junior attackman Erik Krum agreed with Berkman, blaming turnovers by the offense for the lack of points on the board.

"We were forcing it; we weren't playing our game," Krum said.

A lack of scoring was not the only problem for the Sea Gulls, with four penalties in

the first half alone. Senior goalkeeper Johnny Rodriguez had to trust in his starting close defenders, none of whom committed a penalty, to shut down the opposition. With all his defenders playing well, Rodriguez allowed only two man-down goals out of a possible six.

After the first half, Berkman had a new plan of attack to put the missing points on the board and took advantage of the aggressive playing style of the Bishops.

Instead of going right for the goal, offensive players were instructed to come "out in the third and dummy dodge," Berkman said.

The slower approach by the undefeated Sea Gulls worked, with junior attackman Matt Cannone acting as the pointman and feeding two back-to-back goals in the eighth minute of the third quarter. Krum said he felt the plan worked well.

"We slowed down the tempo in order for us to get a good possession," Krum said after the game.

After going up 4-3 at the end of the third, the Sea Gulls finally showed their offensive power in the final 15 minutes of the game, as four different players scored goals to the Bishops' one.

Despite the solid week in practice and past history with Ohio Wesleyan, Berkman said he was not impressed by the way his Sea Gulls played, calling the win "a game that got our attention."

Rodriguez remained positive for his team, noting, "Regardless, we got the W."

The Sea Gulls travel to Capital Athletic Conference rival Wesley College on March 19, a game Rodriguez and the rest of the Gulls are already focusing on. Salisbury will return home on March 26 to face Mary Washington. Face-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.



Justin Odendhal photo
Junior midfielder Sam Bradman, backed up by junior attackman Erik Krum, shoots the ball past an Ohio Wesleyan defender. The Gulls defeated the Battling Bishops, 8-4.



Justin Odendhal photo
A member of the Salisbury University tennis team hits the ball during one of the Gulls' three March 12 games.

Tennis teams keep up winning records

SALISBURY – The weather may have been brisk on Saturday, but the Salisbury University men's and women's tennis teams were heating up the court — going undefeated in four of their five matches — to improve their overall records and gain valuable match experience.

The women's team (3-0, 2-0 Capital Athletic Conference) played two matches, against CAC opponents Wesley College and York (Pa.) College, cruising to 9-0 victories against both teams. Senior Amy Matonak, junior Amy Worthington and freshmen Charlotte Urian and Allison Chamberlain all took the court for the first time this season, and earning resounding victories.

The 23rd-ranked men's squad (4-2, 2-0 CAC) also squared off against Wesley and York, winning by scores of 8-1 and 9-0, respectively. They also faced Virginia Wesleyan College to finish off the day; the result of that final match was just as successful for the maroon and gold, as the team earned its second 9-0 win of the day.

Seniors Arthur Jackson, Evan Clifton and Kyle Schneck, along with freshmen Sam Landser, Justin Tomchick and Paul Berryman, also opened up their 2011 seasons with solid wins.

The Sea Gulls will migrate to warmer weather for their next several matches, traveling to Claremont, Calif., on March 21.

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Baseball

The No. 21-ranked Salisbury University baseball team fell 7-6 to the University of Mary Washington on March 13. The Gulls fell to the Eagles in the ninth inning.

The Eagles took an early 4-0 lead over Salisbury until the Gulls were able to score their first run in the fourth inning. An RBI groundout by junior Chris Connor plated senior Devon Quaglietta.

The Sea Gulls scored five runs in the seventh inning, giving Salisbury a 6-4 lead over Mary Washington. The offense was led by senior Brad Baylis as he had a two-run single up the middle.

Mary Washington loaded the bases in their final at-bat when senior pitcher Drew Baldwin gave up a single to the Eagles, driving in two runs. Senior pitcher Nathan Young was on the mound for 6 1/3 innings, striking out two. Senior Brian Green led Salisbury's offense going 2-for-4 with a double.

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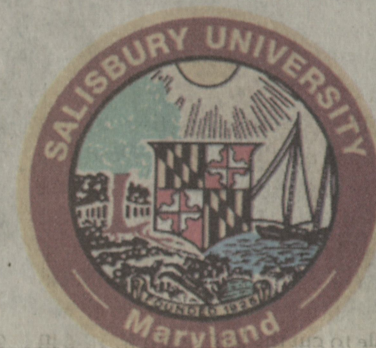
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Indoor Track & Field

Salisbury University sophomore Chelsea Tavik competed at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field championships held at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, on March 12. Tavik competed in the shot put competition.

Tavik was seeded No. 14 coming into the contest and placed 10th with a distance of 43' 9.25."

Softball

The No. 18-ranked Salisbury University softball team notched wins over Christopher Newport University and Wilkes University in the first day of the Salisbury University Invitational on March 11.

During the game against CNU, Salisbury took a 3-0 lead off an RBI single by sophomore Lindsay Brown and a two-run hit by junior Casey Zaino. CNU came back in the fourth and sixth innings, taking a 4-3 lead. In the seventh inning, freshman Harley Hill had a single and made her way to second off a sacrifice bunt. Junior Erika Brittingham also singled before Brown's hit brought Hill home for the tying run.

The Captains scored in the top of the eighth, but Salisbury sophomore Carly Read ended the inning with a double play. Senior Kristin Lord singled, scoring sophomore Hannah

Mills, to tie the game 5-5. Sophomore Sarah Alpaugh had the winning RBI driving Mills across the plate making the final score 6-5.

In the game versus Wilkes, SU sealed a 23-0 victory. Senior Kelly Leary and freshman Kathryn Larson each pitched perfect games. Leary went for three innings while Larson went for two. Senior Taylor Webb was 4-for-5 in the game while Zaino, Read and sophomore Michelle Gravidahl each had three hits.

In the second day of the Invitational on March 12, Salisbury took on Shenandoah University and Baruch College. The Gulls fell to Shenandoah 9-3 but defeated Baruch 10-0.

Against Shenandoah, Salisbury scored its first run in the top of the fourth inning when sophomore Lindsay McCabe had a solo home run. Sophomore Taylor Webb also had a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Brittingham and Leary took turns at the mound for Salisbury.

With Baruch as an opponent, Salisbury scored eight runs within the first two innings, two of them being home runs. The first came from Mills and the second was a grand slam off the bat of Gravidahl. Hill was 3-for-4 and junior Jamie Wells was on the mound for the Gulls.

Women's Lacrosse

The No. 1-ranked Salisbury University women's lacrosse team sealed

a 12-9 win over Washington & Lee University on March 12.

Within the first nine minutes of play, the Generals picked up a 3-1 lead over the Gulls. Salisbury came back to tie the score with goals coming from sophomore Katie Bollhorst and senior Aileen McCausland. W&L scored two more, bringing the score to 7-5 against SU. Senior Trish DiGirolomo scored for the Gulls bringing the score to 7-6 and Bollhorst scored again shortly after to tie the score.

In the second half, junior Alyssa Fowler scored three goals for Salisbury bringing the lead to 8-5. Bollhorst scored her third goal of the day before senior Logan Bilderback brought the score to 10-5. W&L outscored Salisbury in the last 20 minutes, but the Gulls came out on top 12-9 over the Generals.

The Gulls traveled to Roanoke College on March 13 and came home with a 15-8 victory. Senior Morgan Illian and DiGirolomo each had unassisted goals in the second quarter. Roanoke took a 4-3 lead over Salisbury until the Gulls scored four goals before halftime. Junior Allie Wheatley had two goals in the scoring run.

McCausland, DiGirolomo, Wheatley, sophomore Lauren Feusahrens and junior Amanda Holsclaw all scored in the second half. Senior goalkeeper Julie Ann Caulfield had 11 saves.

SU Baseball defeats Albertus Magnus, Mary Washington

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The No. 21-ranked Salisbury University baseball team (9-3, 7-1 CAC) went 3-0 on the home stand this weekend with a 9-6 win over Albertus Magnus. Salisbury had tremendous victories in their doubleheader against Mary Washington, winning the first game 10-1 and the second game 17-2.

The Sea Gulls faced Albertus Magnus on March 11, and the Gulls controlled the game until the seventh inning. Albertus Magnus' offense then came to life as the team was able to tie the game at 5-5 in the eighth inning after a Salisbury error and two walks. The Gulls responded with a lead-off double from sophomore left fielder Nick Gentry, who also scored the game-winning run. Gentry's run started a four-run rally in the bottom of the eighth.

"There's no better feeling in the world than helping the team win in a big way," Gentry said.

This lead was one the Gulls did not surrender as senior pitcher Drew Baldwin was able to close out the game and seal the victory. Salisbury was very opportunistic in this game, taking advantage of two Falcon errors and four wild pitches.

The doubleheader against Mary Washington proved to be one-sided as Salisbury won both March 12 games in dominant fashion. The first game was led by the strong pitching of senior Chris Greiner, as he went six innings, struck out five batters and gave up one run on five hits.

"I had a game plan going in to throw inside on batters," Greiner said. "They

have a few guys that can really hit the ball if they have the room."

Game two saw a complete game from senior pitcher Dustin Herbert, but the big story is the offensive explosion from Salisbury. Salisbury scored 27 runs on 30 hits for the entire team compared to only three runs on 15 hits for Mary Washington.

"We swung real well today," head coach Doug Fleetwood said. "Mary Washington's a well-coached and talented team, so it was good that we came out with this kind of performance."

Salisbury had a lot of good hitting, including a monstrous performance from freshman infielder Jon Schiotis who went 5-for-6 with 11 RBI, two home runs and two doubles.

"It felt awesome to have a game like that," Schiotis said.

Salisbury's young hitters came through in two games as Schiotis and freshman Bill Root hit the ball well in both games. Junior catcher Tyler Bennett and sophomore infielder Chris Connor also had a strong offensive game.

"We've had to play a few younger guys due to injuries, and they've been getting better every game," Fleetwood said.

The wins gave Salisbury an advantage going into the third game of this series on March 13, though they lost the matchup 7 to 6. This also marks the beginning of a long road stretch for the Gulls including a game against No. 6-ranked Shenandoah College and a series at Frostburg State.

Salisbury's next home game will be on March 23 when the team will play Virginia Wesleyan at 3:30 p.m.



Justin Odendhal photo

A member of the Salisbury University baseball team plays in the game against Mary Washington.

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